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REMARKS

Claims 34, 38, 42, 43, 45, 46, 50, 54, 55, 56, 60, 64, 65, 66 are amended, and claim 44 has been cancelled. Claims 34-43, 45-66 are pending, of which claims 34, 46, 56 are independent claims.

Applicant acknowledges the Advisory Action and its indication of non-allowability of the previous independent claims. Applicant is amending claims in the interest of advancing prosecution and reserves the right to pursue claims of scope similar to the previous independent claims in a separate application.

All of the independent claims 34, 46 and 56 have been amended to recite the features of cancelled claim 44, which was previously indicated to be allowable. Dependent claims have been amended where necessary for consistency with the amended independent claims. It is believed that all the claims of this application are now allowable, by virtue of reciting the features recited in allowable claim 44.

Conclusion

In view of the amendments and remarks herein, this Application should be in condition for allowance. A Notice to this effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes, after this Response, that the Application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the Applicants' Representative at the number below.

Applicants hereby petition for any extension of time which is required to maintain the pendency of this case. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 50-3661.

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If the enclosed papers or fees are considered incomplete, the Patent Office is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned collect at (508) 616-2900, in Westborough, Massachusetts.

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